112. ICFH University.

113. Himgiri Nabh Vishwavidyalaya.

*These Universities are included under Section 2 (f) of the UGC Act, 1956.

Opening of more IITs

192. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to open some more IITs;

(b) if so, the States where these IITs would be set up;

(c) whether any feasibility study has been carried out in those States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir In view of the announcement made by the Prime Minister on 15th August, 2003 that five new NTs will be set up by upgrading promising academic institutions, the Government has constituted an Expert Committee to identify such academic institutions. A number of proposals from various State Governments have been received by the Government and are under consideration of the Expert Committee. The Report of the Committee is awaited.

Directives on fee formula for IIMs

193. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had thoroughly gone to the cases relating to the decision to reduce fees of IIM by the previous Government;

(b) if so, whether he had convened meeting of all IIMs Directors in the month of June, 2004;

(c) if so, the new directive issued to them and whether Government have finalised a compromise formula for IIMs fee; and

(d) if so, to what extent this has been acceptable to all the IIMs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. All ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) The Government reduced the fee for the post-graduate programmes (PGP) in Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) to Rs. 30,000/- per annum *vide* orders dated 5th February, 2004. The issue of reduction of fees of IIMs was brought to the attention of present Government immediately after its assumption in office.

The meetings of all Chairman and Directors of IIMs were convened on 31st May, 2004 and 29th June, 2004 to discuss the reduction of fee issue. At the instance of the Government, all the six Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Calcutta, Lucknow, Indore and Kozhikode have decided that:

(i) The Institutes will ensure that no student faces any difficulty in pursuing education for PGP at the Institute for want of financial resources,

(ii) The fees charged by the Institutes in the year 2003-2004 will be continued in the session starting in June, 2004;

(iii) All the IIMs will provide a need-based financial assistance scheme to both the first and second year students;

(iv) All students admitted, whose annual gross family income is Rs. 2 lakh and below, will be eligible for financial assistance up to a full tution fee waiver; and

(v) The IIMs will consider, in appropriate cases, supporting the students beyond the tuition fee waiver. Apart from the tuition fee, the expenditure by students on hostel and mess charges can also be waived.

The IIMs are empowered to take all the decisions regarding fee structure. The Government has accepted the said decision and withdrawn its orders dated 5th February, 2004 reducing the fees to Rs. 30,000/- *vide* orders dated 29th June, 2004.

Paper leakage of All India pre-medical examination

194. SHRIMATI JAMANADEVI BARUPAL:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: